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Beacon Street Front Lawns: The rehabilitation of the stairway, cement wall, and sidewalk, directly in front of the Bulfinch building fronting on Beacon Street, will start this week. The Bulfinch entrance will be closed until work is completed in mid October.

The installation of a black metal fence along the walls fronting the East and West Wings is nearly finished. The remaining portion of the fence will be erected when the masonry work along the Bulfinch frontage has been completed. The fence is a replica of the original metal fence sacrificed during World War II as part of the war effort.

Mt. Vernon Street: The task of replacing the earth, concrete sidewalks and asphalt road surfaces above the old coal pocket is underway. When the reconstruction of Mt. Vernon Street has been completed in early August, PEDESTRIAN traffic will be restored to normal. In addition, one lane of Mt. Vernon street will be opened for thru traffic/fire access as the contractor prepares for the excavation of Ashburton Park.

Ashburton Parking Garage: Several slabs of stone have been removed from the Ashburton Park buttress along Derne Street so that exploratory work can begin on the legislative garage. The garage will be sited underneath the new Ashburton Park and is scheduled to be completed in 1990.

Interior Demolition: The installation of 3 x 5 foot ceiling ducts is taking place throughout the State House. These ducts are intended to accommodate heating, cooling, and fire sprinkler conduits as well as communications raceworks.

Pneumatic drills are being used as part of the installation of these ducts. In order to minimize the amount of disruption we have negotiated with the contractor to operate the drills between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m..

Brigham Building Courtyard: The demolition of antiquated ventilation units as part of the preparation for a new heating system is well underway in the courtyard area.

East Wing Basement: Within the next few weeks, the East Wing basement from the Post Office to the Senate Chamber elevator bank will be closed off due to the construction of relocation space.

When the relocation construction has been finished, we will make every effort to notify those offices which will be either affected or possibly disrupted.

Entrances and Egresses: The entrances to the East and West Wings fronting on Beacon Street have been REOPENED to pedestrian traffic.

The entrance to the East Wing from Mt. Vernon street will be REOPENED in August to pedestrian traffic when work in this area has been completed. This entrance will then serve as the new 24 hour access point.

Until then, the handicapped entrance, off Bowdoin Street, will serve as the after hours entry point, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

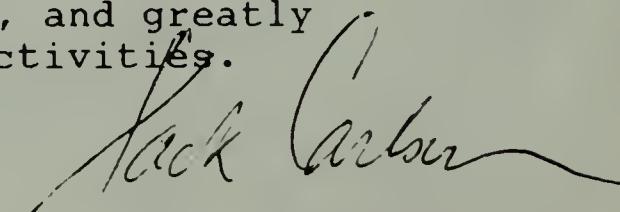
Current Office Relocations From Block B:

| Office | Temporary Location |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Broadcast Assoc. Room. | Rm. 462 |
| 2. House/Bills on 3rd Reading. | Rm. 466 |
| 3. House/Black Leg. Caucus. | Rm. 424 |
| 4. House/Elderly Affairs. | Rm. 436 |
| 5. House/Health Care. | Rm. 437 |
| 6. House/Human Services. | Rm. 436 |
| 7. Representative Suhoski. | Rm. 427 |
| 8. Representative Trombly. | Rm. 427 |
| 9. Press Assoc. (New England News Service). | Rm. 462 |
| 10. Secretary of State Executive Offices. | Rm. 424/312 |
| 11. State Auditor. | Rm. 204/312 |
| 12. Senate Clerk. | Rm. 208 |

Bulletin Boards: Bulletin Boards have been placed in the lobbies of all elevator banks on which maps of the building and its access routes have been posted. Also posted is information on office relocations and general news about the project and its progress.

Ombudsman: Greg Arnold, the Superintendent of State Office Buildings, Room 126, State House, is the project Ombudsman. Please direct any questions or problems with the on-going renovations to him at (727-2848).

I sincerely regret any inconvenience the noise or disruption necessitated by this construction may pose, and greatly appreciate your continued support of our activities.





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Structural Integrity: We have completed shoring in all occupied areas so you need not be concerned about the safety of your present locations. In addition to this newsletter we will be circulating an in depth memorandum regarding the achievement of additional structural integrity in all areas of the Brigham Annex in the near future.

The following is a brief explanation of the issue.

While renovating Block "B," the East Brigham Annex Corridor, the contractor discovered that the corridor floor seemed to be sagging. As a safety precaution, the cafeteria was relocated until a preliminary evaluation could be completed. However, the preliminary study of the condition of Block "D," the West Brigham Annex Corridor, did not indicate the need to relocate or restrict use of this area. A preliminary evaluation of the entire Brigham Annex confirmed structural compromise in Blocks "B" and "D," the East and West Corridors, only. A temporary shoring system to stabilize the underside of the arch surface, consisting of a horizontal shoring method using adjustable length "Spanall" beams was recommended. Continuous blocking would then be installed from the tops of the "Spanalls" to the underside of the arch surface. Perini has since completed shoring the archways in the corridors of both Blocks "B" and "D." However, Block "B" remains under construction, as scheduled renovations continue, and is **OFF-LIMITS** to all State House employees and building occupants.

Access to the freight elevator from the sub-basement and the basement levels, originally closed off in order for temporary shoring to be installed, will be reopened for deliveries ONLY.

Safety: I MUST BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION A SERIOUS POINT FOR YOUR SAFETY. BLOCKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE RESTRICTED TO THE CONTRACTORS PERSONNEL ONLY AND ARE OFF LIMITS TO ALL BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND VISITORS!

Noise: As part of an effort to minimize noise and office disruption, the contractor will be utilizing two work shifts daily. By doing so, the contractor will be able to meet critical aspects of the renovation project (e.g. the installation of temporary shoring to stabilize the structural integrity of corridor floors).

Brigham Building Courtyard: The structural steel frame for the Great Hall, boiler room, basement and first floor committee/hearing rooms is in place. Concrete floors will be poured as soon as the steel decking is completed. Also, space for the installation of the structural system, on which the skylight over the atrium will be situated, has been made available to the contractor.

Roof Work: The contractor is actively pursuing repairs and replacement of roof surfaces. The copper, slate, and water membrane work is scheduled to be completed prior to the upcoming winter months.

Beacon Street Front Lawns: The rehabilitation of the stairway, cement wall, and sidewalk, directly in front of the Bulfinch Building, fronting on Beacon Street, is underway. Taking building use impacts and the weather factor into account we made the decision to proceed with this stage of the renovation rather than postpone it until later in the year. The refurbishment will minimally disrupt already completed aspects of the area landscape. The Bulfinch entrance will be closed until work is completed in October.

Mt. Vernon Street: The task of replacing the earth and concrete sidewalks above the old coal pocket has been completed on schedule. PEDESTRIAN traffic was restored to normal at that time. As part of the final phase in this area, asphalt road surfaces will be laid by the end of this week. However, Mt. Vernon Street will remain closed to allow for relocation of the office trailers in order to make way for Ashburton Garage construction.

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Newly Relocated Offices From Block "B":

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| 1. The Cafeteria | Rm. 71-G |
| 2. The Court Offices | Rm. 74-E |

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